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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/21/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 1 appears to recite the limitation wherein the sealing bushing is rotationally fixed within the second housing part while the hollow shaft is rotated in the first housing part. If the hollow shaft 4 that is rotatably supported in the housing 1, then how can the sealing bushing 15 be rotationally fixed to the second housing part 2? It appears that the sealing bushing 15 is only linearly movable.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites in a numerous instances the language “which” to further describe a previous limitation. However, it is indefinite because it is not clear which limitation the word

--- -- "which" refers to. Furthermore, claim 1 recites the word "it". It is indefinite because it is not clear which element the word "it" is referring to.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gobell et al., U.S. Patent 5,707,186.

Gobell shows, in Figs. 2 and 2A, and discloses, from col. 7 line 57 to col. 8 line 26, a rotary feed-through for the selective supply of cooling lubricant or air to a rotating machine part, which contains a hollow shaft 1, which is supported so that it can rotate in a first housing part 10, with a first sealing surface 21, and a sealing bushing 23, which is arranged rotationally fixed within a second housing part 11 and which is coaxial with the hollow shaft, with a second sealing surface 22 for contact to the first sealing surface, characterized in that the second housing part contains a first lateral supply channel 40, which can be attached to a coolant supply line or a compressed air supply line, for the supply of cooling lubricant or compressed air via at least one radial opening of the sealing bushing and a second supply channel 38, which is charged during the supply of cooling lubricant, for the supply of cooling lubricant to a pressure piston 25 closing the rear end of the sealing bushing to increase the contact pressure of the sealing surfaces; characterized in that force is applied to the sealing bushing by a compression spring 24 supported

on the second housing part in the direction of the hollow shaft, such that the sealing surface of the sealing bushing is constantly pressed against the sealing surface of the hollow shaft.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Rotary feed-through having sealing surfaces.

Hara, U.S. Patent 6,660,031 B2

Bouteille et al., U.S. Patent 4,702,276

Sommer, U.S. Patent 5,538,292

Kubala, U.S. Patent 4,976,282

Knoll et al., U.S. Patent 6,386,221 B1

Smith et al., U.S. Patent 6,308,734 B1

Ott, U.S. Patent 6,085,782

Frye-Hammelmann, U.S. Patent 5,694,976

Ott et al., U.S. Patent 6,406,065 B1

Becker, U.S. Patent 5,439,029

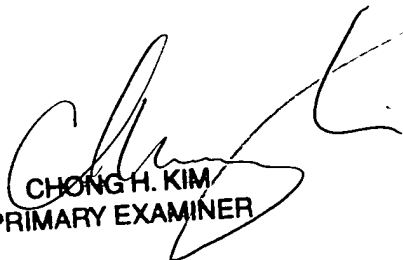
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chong H. Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-0922. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday; 8:00 - 6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Bucci can be reached on (703) 308-3668. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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